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*The Address of the honourable the House of Commons: presented to His Majesty on Thursday the 25 day of April, 1689. with His Majesty's Answer thereunto.*

*To the King's most Excellent Majesty, the Humble Address of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses in Parliament Assembled.*

**W**E Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, most humbly lay before your Majesty our earnest Desire, That Your Majesty would be pleased to take into Your most serious Consideration, the Destructive Methods taken of late years by the *French* King, against the Trade, Quiet, and Interest of this Your Kingdom, and particularly the present Invasion of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Supporting Your Majesties Rebellious Subjects there.

Not doubting in the least, but that through Your Majesties Wisdom, the Alliances already made, with such as may hereafter be Concluded on this Occasion by Your Majesty, may be effectual to Reduce the *French* King to such a Condition, that it may not be in his power hereafter to Violate the Peace of Christendom, nor prejudice the Trade and Prosperity of this Your Majesties Kingdom.

To this End, We most humbly beseech Your Majesty to rest assured upon this our Solemn and Hearty Promise and Engagement, That when Your Majesty shall think fit to enter into a War against the *French* King, we will give Your Majesty such Assistance in a Parliamentary way, as may enable Your Majesty (under that Protection and Blessing God Almighty has ever afforded you) to Support and go through with the same.

## William R.

**I** Receive this Address as a Mark of the Confidence you have in Me, which I take very kindly, and shall endeavour by all My Actions to Confirm you in it.

I Assure you, that My Own Ambition shall never be an Argument to incline Me to Engage in a War, that may expose the Nation either to Danger or Expence.

But in the present Case. I look upon the War so much already Declared in effect by France against England, that it is not so properly an Act of Choice, as an Inevitable necessity in Our own Defence.

I shall only tell you, that as I have ventured My Life, and all that is Dear to Me, to Rescue this Nation from what it suffered, I am ready still to do the same, in Order to the preserving it from all its Enemies; And as I do not doubt of such an Assistance from you, as shall be suitable to your Advice to Me, to Declare War against a Powerful Enemy, so you may Rely upon Me, that no part of that which you shall give for the carrying it on with Success, shall be Diverted by Me to any other Use.



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